

WARSHIPS AT NEWPORT NEWS

NEWARK TO HAVE A TRIAL TRIP
MANAGED BY NAVAL RESERVES—
LA GRANDE DUCHESSE TO
BE A TRANSPORT.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]
Newport News, Va., June 18.—The next few days will see an exodus of warships from this vicinity. Two United States vessels left today. Another goes to-morrow morning, and one at least, and perhaps three, will get away on Monday.

At 7 o'clock this morning the torpedo-boat destroyer Yankton, formerly the speedy yacht Penelope, which has been at the Navy Yard for the last six weeks undergoing conversion into a warship, left her moorings and swiftly steamed through Hampton Roads to the Cape, where she is equipped for action, and as she has a high rate of speed, she will be used as a fleet dispatch-boat, in the same capacity as the Scorpion, formerly the Vixen. She is the last of the yachts to be converted into a torpedo gunboat.

The Yankton was accompanied by the large collier Southern, which carries three thousand tons of coal for the warships in Southern waters. The collier Cassius, recently purchased from the German merchant marine, has received her stores and will probably get away to-morrow or Monday. The Itasca is ready to sail, and will go out with the Cassius to-morrow morning.

TRIAL TRIP OF THE NEWARK

The practically new cruiser Newark, Captain Barker, will leave her anchorage in Hampton Roads, off Fort Monroe, to-morrow, and put to sea for the purpose of testing her new armament, machinery and the general working of the ship. The Newark is the first of the regular warships to be manned by Naval Reserves, the militia from Illinois having been assigned to this duty. She went into commission some time after war was declared, and too late to receive her share of the experienced sailors, and the Illinois Reserves were ordered to report aboard the training-ship Franklin, at the Navy Yard, there to remain until the cruiser was ready for service.

The boys from the West had considerable experience in naval work on the lakes, and were not as green as the Reserves from some of the other States when they arrived. Consequently when the Newark goes to sea in the morning she will carry a crew that knows how to handle the guns.

While the Newark was at the Navy Yard the Reserves frequently went aboard and took instructions from experienced gunners. Most of the time while at sea will be devoted to tests of the new 6-inch rapid-fire guns, which have not had any severe trials as yet.

Sub-calibre practice will not be engaged in at all, and the Reserves will be expected to get their hands in with full charges in all of the guns. The Newark has twelve of these 6-inch guns in her main battery, and any number of pounders in her secondary battery. The machinery in the cruiser is also new, and its working will be watched closely.

It is expected that the cruiser will return to Old Point on Tuesday morning at the latest, when Captain Barker will report the result of his cruise to the Navy Department. If all of the tests are satisfactory Captain Barker will receive orders to proceed at once to join the blockading squadron.

de Cuba on Monday with ammunition for the landing expedition. She will have enlisted a full crew by that time. The ammunition and a large quantity of subsistence will arrive here to-morrow. It is expected that the Harvard will be ready in time to follow the Yale shortly after the latter's departure.

LA GRANDE DUCHESSE A TRANSPORT

The Plant Line steamship La Grande Duchesse, the handsomest and costliest coastwise passenger ship ever built in America, has been leased by the Government and will be used as a transport. The Duchesse has been completely overhauled as to her boilers, and to-day she had her first dock trial since the work was finished. It being in every way satisfactory. At 6 o'clock Monday morning she will go to sea for the purpose of giving her engines and boilers a thorough test. She will return the same evening, and if her trial is satisfactory she is expected to leave the shipyard on Tuesday for Tampa, Fla. The Duchesse is capable of carrying 1,500 troops comfortably. Her speed now is nineteen knots.

The Petersburg Iron Works has just been awarded another large contract by the Government for 10,000 4-inch shells and 1,200 8-inch shells. The order for the former came from the Navy Department and that for the latter from the War Department.

The rudder-frame for the battle-ship Illinois has arrived at the shipyard from the Cleveland Iron Works. The weight of this frame is 52,000 pounds. This is the last frame to be received here for battle-ships.

The Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company is preparing to submit its estimate for the construction of the three new battle-ships of the Illinois class. The company is confident of receiving at least two of the contracts. The officials have not decided yet whether or not they will tender bids for the construction of the three monitors. They will not bid on any of the torpedo-boats or other small craft, not desiring to handle such work.

NEW RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR ARRIVES

Washington, June 18.—Count Cassini, the new Russian Ambassador to the United States, has arrived here, and will present his credentials to the President next week. His daughter, a daughter-in-law of the late American Ambassador, came directly from Paris, where he was at the head of the St. Petersburg Embassy for a number of years. He succeeds Count Cantacuzene, who went home some months ago. Mr. De Wolf, who has been charge d'affaires in the interim, will start at once for Russia.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

YESTERDAY'S RECORD AND TO-DAY'S FORECAST

Washington, June 18.—The pressure is low in the St. Lawrence Valley and the lower lake region. The barometer has fallen in the St. Lawrence Valley and New-England, and risen in the upper Mississippi Valley. The temperature is higher in the lower lake region. Showers and thunderstorms have continued in the Middle Atlantic and East Gulf States, and showers have occurred in the St. Lawrence Valley and the lower lake region. Threatening weather, with showers, is indicated for New-England, the Middle and South Atlantic States. Occasional showers may occur in the middle Rocky Mountain region. The temperature will remain about stationary in all districts.

FORECAST IN DETAIL FOR TO-DAY.

For Maine, New-Hampshire and Vermont, threatening weather with showers; southerly winds.
For Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut, threatening weather and showers; fresh southerly winds.
For Eastern New-York, showers and thunderstorms; southerly winds.
For Eastern Pennsylvania and New-Jersey, threatening weather with showers; southerly winds.
For the District of Columbia, Delaware and Maryland, threatening weather, with showers; warmer, southerly winds.
For Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina, showers and thunderstorms; light variable winds.
For Western New-York and Western Pennsylvania, partly cloudy weather; cooler, light southerly winds, becoming northerly.
For West Virginia and Ohio, fair, except showers in eastern portions; cooler; southerly winds, becoming northerly.

THIRTEEN OBSERVATIONS.

Time	Hourly	Morning	Evening	Max.	Min.
7	80	80	80	80	80
8	80	80	80	80	80
9	80	80	80	80	80
10	80	80	80	80	80
11	80	80	80	80	80
12	80	80	80	80	80
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18	80	80	80	80	80
19	80	80	80	80	80
20	80	80	80	80	80
21	80	80	80	80	80
22	80	80	80	80	80
23	80	80	80	80	80
24	80	80	80	80	80

In this diagram the continuous white line shows the changes in pressure as indicated by The Tribune's self-registering barometer. The dotted line shows the temperature as recorded at Perry's Pharmacy.

Tribune Office, June 19, 1898.

The weather in and near this city to-day will probably be showery, with thunderstorms.

MISS CLARA BARTON AT KEY WEST.

Key West, Fla., June 18.—The Red Cross steamer State of Texas arrived from Tampa to-day and anchored in the harbor, awaiting orders. Miss Clara Barton, who has been in the city for some time, is expected to leave for Key West to-morrow. She is the wife of Addison Barton, who is President of the Red Cross.

THE TOP NOTCH OF GALLANTRY.

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TRIED TO BLOW UP A SHIP.

SENSATIONAL AND UNCONFIRMED STORY FROM THE FIRST MANILA EXPEDITION.

Victoria, B. C., June 18.—The steamer Miowera brought the following from Honolulu, dated June 8:

"The Hawaiian Star of June 3 publishes the following story of an attempt to blow up the United States ship City of Peking while that vessel was in port here:

"If the report which is in circulation to-day is true, Honolulu came near being the scene of as frightful a disaster as that of the Maine and as important the same way. The story is that an attempt was made to blow up the Peking's magazine, which was situated in the act of arranging a fuse connecting with the magazine. The magazine contains four hundred tons of powder, and had been guarded closely.

"The dastard, it is said, is now under the closest guard, and when the Peking gets out on the high seas will be hanged at the yardarm. The greatest secrecy concerning the matter is being maintained. The alleged culprit is said to be a half-Spaniard.

"The publication caused a sensation in this city. Military officers on the ship denied the truth of the story, but their denial was made in a half-hearted way. There are many corroborative features which tend to prove the truth of the report, which was at first circulated by enlisted men. Others admitted that the Spanish half-breed was on board the Peking.

"Two Honolulu citizens state that they were on board the Peking and that they saw a man in iron and under close guard. They were convinced that their prisoner was the man who attempted to blow up the ship."

HAWAII AND THE SPANIARDS.

GOVERNMENT REFUSES TO RECOGNIZE PROTEST OF ENEMY'S VICE-CONSUL.

Victoria, B. C., June 18.—The following, which was received here to-day by the steamer Miowera, is the full text of the correspondence between the Spanish Vice-Consul at Honolulu and the Hawaiian Government, relating to the entertainment of American troops at that port:

Honolulu, June 1.

H. E. Cooper, Minister of Foreign Affairs:

Sir: In my capacity as Vice-Consul for Spain, I have the honor to-day to enter formal protest with the Hawaiian Government against the constant violations of neutrality in this harbor while actual war exists between Spain and the United States of America.

Requesting you acknowledge receipt of this communication, I have the honor to be, sir,

H. RONJOS, Vice-Consul for Spain.

The reply of the Government, which is now in Mr. Ronjos's hands, is as follows:

Honolulu, June 6, 1898.

Sir: In reply to your note of the 1st inst., I have the honor to say that owing to the intimate relations now existing between this country and the United States, this Government has not proclaimed a proclamation of neutrality, having preference to the present conflict between the United States and Spain, but on the contrary has tendered to the United States privileges and assistance, for which reason your protest can receive no further consideration than to acknowledge its receipt. I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant.

HENRY E. COOPER,

Minister of Foreign Affairs.

HOW HAVANA GETS FOOD.

Port Antonio, Jamaica, June 18.—Well authenticated reports reach here that Havana is receiving supplies through Batambano, on the south side of Cuba, opposite Havana. The supplies are taken to the Isle of Pines in large ships and are carried across at night in small boats to Batambano, and from there are taken to Havana, a distance of twenty-five miles, by rail. The American commercial agent at Port Antonio has informed the Washington Government that this is going on.

POSTOFFICE GOES WITH ARMY.

Key West, Fla., June 18 (Special).—Louis Kemper, who was in charge of Station B, New-York Postoffice, arrived here to-night on his way to Cuba to establish the first American postoffice in that island. He presented his credentials to Commodore Remy, who will furnish a ship to transport Mr. Kemper and his equipment to the place where the Army will make its landing.

SPAIN'S FINANCIAL STRAITS.

London, June 18.—Under the heading "Is the Bank of Spain Solvent?" "The Statist" to-day discusses Spain's financial position, saying:

"Upon the bank's ability to finance the Government depends the continuation and duration of the war. Practically, the Spanish Government is now reduced to the expedient of using the printing press to meet its war outlays, and the longer this expedient is used the greater will be the depreciation in the value of the paper peseta. If the war lasts much longer we may see the paper peseta, which is now at a discount of 50 per cent. from the gold peseta, falling to 25 per cent. at the close of the last year. The formal suspension of specie payments cannot long be delayed. Indeed, the suspension has practically occurred.

"The Statist" then presents an array of figures showing the exact position of the bank, with a note circulation of 1,318,000,000 pesetas without any coin reserve available for its redemption, and further pointing out that such note circulation may be increased to 2,500,000,000. Finally, "The Statist" says that in three years the Spanish and Cuban governments have borrowed 1,000,000,000 pesetas from the Bank of Spain.

DENOUNCES AMERICAN METHODS.

Madrid, June 18.—In the Senate to-day the Marquis Cardia denounced the "American breaches of international law."

In the Chamber of Deputies Señor Salmeron, the Republican leader, asked the Government to institute an inquiry in order to contradict the reports that the bodies of American marines killed at Guantanamo had been mutilated by the Spanish troops.

The Minister of the Interior, Señor Capdepón, replied that the reports were base calumnies, and that an inquiry was unnecessary.

TO MAKE STEEL IN THE SOUTH.

A MILLION-DOLLAR PLANT CONTRACTED FOR IN ALABAMA.

Birmingham, Ala., June 18.—The Alabama Steel and Shipbuilding Company, which has been organized here, has let the contract for the erection of a million-dollar steel plant at Ensley City. The contract was let to the Wellman Sewer Engineering Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, and construction is to begin in thirty days.

N. E. Barker, president of the First National Bank, is president of the steel company. An issue of \$1,000,000 of bonds has been practically subscribed for the Louisville and Nashville Railroad and the Southern Railroad, each taking \$200,000, and James T. Woodward and Moore & Schley are the principal subscribers.

The mill will have twelve open-hearth furnaces, capable of turning out 1,000 tons a day, and will employ several thousand men. The project was engineered by the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company, and its culmination means the successful inauguration of steel manufacture in the South on a large scale.

MISS CLARA BARTON AT KEY WEST.

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THE CONGRESS CAMPAIGN.

LARGE MAJORITY OF REPUBLICANS LIKELY TO BE RENOMINATED.

Washington, June 18.—Indications now point to the renomination of a large majority of the Republican members of the House of Representatives who desire to be re-elected. It is more than probable that the case three months ago, when prospects of Republican success in many districts seemed doubtful, will be repeated in the coming year.

In some of the States every Republican Representative will be renominated and re-elected. In several States one or more Republicans have expressed a desire to retire from Congress on account of private and business reasons, and in a few districts men may be re-elected because of the vicious system which does not allow a Representative to serve more than two or three terms in succession.

In Illinois a majority of the Republicans have been renominated, and the remainder will be, and it is probable that all of them will be re-elected. Among those already renominated are the veteran members Cannon, Hill, Hopkins, Marshall and Smith, whose experience and ability have added to their influence and usefulness in Congress.

THE STRONG IOWA DELEGATION.

One of the strongest and most influential delegations in the House of Representatives is that from Iowa, which is expected to be solidly Republican in the last one, and that it is so is largely because the districts as a rule have not followed the vicious plan which requires "rotation in office." Mr. Henderson, of the Dubuque district, who is serving his eighth consecutive term, is one of the acknowledged leaders of the majority. After long service as a member of the Appropriations Committee he was elected to the Judiciary Committee and appointed a member of the Committee on Rules, which is so potential in shaping the course of legislation. One of his colleagues in the Judiciary Committee is Thomas Updegraff, who is serving his fifth term as the representative of the McGregor district. His experience as a legislator and his ability as a lawyer have given him a high reputation in the House. Another prominent member of the delegation is Mr. Lacey, who is serving his third term. Besides Mr. Henderson who has in this Congress three other men who are distinguished in both respects. They are Hepburn, Dolliver and Cousina. Mr. Hepburn is serving his sixth term in the House. He is chairman of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce and a member of the Judiciary Committee. Mr. Dolliver, who is the Pacific Railroad Committee, is serving his fourth term. He is a House leader and his record as a member of the committee on Ways and Means. Mr. Cousina, who is a year younger than Dolliver, is serving his third term, and is a member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs. He was renominated by acclamation.

Mr. Lacey is also serving his fourth term. He is chairman of the Committee on Public Lands, and a member of that on Indian Affairs, and is regarded as a high authority on legislation respecting the public land and Indian affairs. Mr. Hill, the chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs, is also serving his fourth term. He served in the Union Army until disabled by a gunshot wound, and his experience in the field has been a valuable aid in the performance of his duties as chairman of a committee which has framed and carried through the House more legislation, and of greater importance, relating to the Army and Navy, than any other committee of either branch of Congress in the last thirty years.

Mr. Perkins, who is also serving his fourth term, is chairman of the Committee on Printing, and a member of that on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. As chairman of the Committee on Printing, Mr. Perkins has been one of the highest values, and is so recognized by the House. Mr. Hager, who is serving his third term, is chairman of the Committee on Commerce, and is a member of that on Private Land Claims.

Moore, Clark and Curtis are the junior members of the delegation. Each is serving his second term. The former is a member of the Committee on Education, and also of the Committee on Commerce. It is understood that he desires to retire from Congress, and private sources believe that he will do so. Mr. Curtis, who is serving his second term, is a member of the Committee on Education, and is a member of that on Private Land Claims.

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TALE OF A WAR POEM.

HOW WASHINGTON CAME TO WRITE "THE VACANT CHAIR."

FURNISHED THE THEME OF THE FAMOUS SONG.

From The Chicago Evening Ocean.

We shall meet, but we shall miss him;

There will be one vacant chair;

We shall linger to cherish him,

When we breathe our evening prayer.

When a year ago we gathered

At a golden hour in June;

And our hopes in ruins lie.

At our friends, and and lonely,

Often will the moon well

At our friends, and and lonely,

How our noble Willie fell.

How he strove to bear our honor

And upheld our country's right.

With the strength of manhood's might.

True, they tell us, wreaths of glory

But we shall not seek them now.

Swapping over our heartstrings now.

Sleep to-day, O early falling!

In thy green and narrow bed;

Dinner from the pine and cypress

Single with the stars we fled.

We shall meet, but we shall miss him;

There will be one vacant chair;

We shall linger to cherish him,

When we breathe our evening prayer.

Through the length and breadth of not only

This land, but every word of this famous

Song and poem and story, for more than thirty

Years, and upon no day of the year are they more

Truly and earnestly remembered than on the day

When the noble Willie fell.

For the noble Willie fell, and the noble